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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Covert Actions

I have only one suggestion for change in your memorandum of 16 October regarding approval of covert actions. I would recommend that the phrase in the last sentence "... and in any event when the request comes from an outside agency, ..." be omitted. A good many of the requests that we receive from State and elsewhere are of such a routine nature or fit so closely into approved programs, that I feel our own review procedures in the DDP are sufficient to handle them and that the extra demand on your time in reviewing these would not be justified.

(Signed) Richard Helms  
Richard Helms  
Deputy Director (Plans)

VIA EX. DIR.

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"Approved - but The Director and I should be kept currently informed of actions in this field."

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16 October 1962

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)**

**SUBJECT : Covert Actions**

1. This is just a reminder of our conversation in which I indicated the Director's desire that covert actions conducted by the Central Intelligence Agency must be fully and totally justified as in the national interest and must be limited to objectives of our national policy.

2. Whenever a plan for covert action is developed or whenever a request for such is received from outside agencies, the first criteria to be satisfied will be as indicated in the foregoing paragraph. If there is any question whatsoever and in any event when the request comes from an outside agency, my approval will be required.

/s/ MSC

**Marshall S. Carter**  
**Lieutenant General, USA**  
**Acting Director**

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